(b) whether the World Bank's recent report "Doing Business in 2007" which points out that India stood at a low of 173 of the 175 countries has been studied under the parameter of executing contracts;

(c) whether Government have constituted a committee to find out ways to improve delivery system and have also received its recommendations; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a), (c) and (d) The Working Group on "Integrated Smart Card System" constituted by the Planning Commission in March, 2006 in its Report submitted in January, 2007 has, *inter alia*, recommended that the Government may initiate steps for the introduction of Integrated Smart Card System for the major entitlement schemes. The Report of the Working Group is under examination.

(b) Yes, Sir. As regards enforcing contracts, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs has been set up to examine the issue pertaining to enforcing contracts and recommend corrective measures.

Postal Life Insurance Scheme

*13. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the loss of faith of common people in the Postal Life Insurance Scheme due to non-settlement of death claims;

(b) whether Government have received representations/request for settlement of policy series DL-34825-CS;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-settlement of the claims;

(d) by when these claims are likely to be settled to restore investor faith; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Death claims in respect of Postal Life Insurance Schemes are being settled timely as per rules.

(b) Yes. Department has received request for settlement in respect of this individual case.

(c) The case was rejected as the insurant had concealed vital information essentially required during the procurement of the Postal Life Insurance Policy. The claimant was informed accordingly.

(d) The case has already been decided as above on 13.8.2002 after detailed investigation into the cases.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

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*14. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: